

REMARKS

Claims 15-34 are now present in this application, with claims 1-14 being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein and with new claims 15-34 being added by Preliminary Amendment.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, an early indication of the allowability of each of claims 15-34 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37

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C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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